the Statutes of the University, which do not fetter the discretion of the Visitor and restrict his choice in any manner.

Elementary Education in Gujarat

1942. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of children enrolled during the last three years, in the age group of 6 to 14 years in Gujarat for elementary education and what was the percentage of children enrolled in this age group in the State during the period, year-wise;

(b) the total number of primary schools functioning in the State to provide elementary education;

(c) whether these schools are enough to cater to the needs of all the children of the age group in the State;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to provide Central funds for opening more primary schools in Gujarat; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to the avilable information the total number of children enrolled in primary and upper primary classes and the Gross Enrolment Ratio during the last three years in Gujarat is as follows:

Year	Total Enrolment	Gross enrolment ratio	
		Primary	Upper Primary
1993-94	79,78,149	119.9	69.6
1994-95	81,49,088	123.4	63.9
1995-96	83,19,772	131.4	71.6

(b) and (c) According to information furnished by Government of Gujarat the number of primary schools functioning in the State is 33,119. The State Government is of the view that these schools are enough to cater to the needs of the children of this age group in the state.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Destruction of Monuments by Quarrying

1943. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that use of explosive for sandstone quarrying is destroying various National monuments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Taj Mahal and the Fatehpur Sikri are dying because of such acts and

(c) what steps Archaeological Survey of India is taking to save our National monuments and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) No specific damage to centrally protected monuments has been established as a result of explosives used for sandstone quarrying.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Archaeological Survey of India has brought to the notice of the concerned authorities in the States to take necessary measures to stop quarrying in the vicinity of centrally protected monuments. Relevant notifications in this regards have been brought to the notice of the State Governments.

Review of Examination System

1944. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to change/review the present day education